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The following is a Q-S-T. A new record for optical communications by ham radio is set in the UK, a special callsign prefix to celebrate the upcoming royal wedding, 6 meters and digital modes may soon return in France and World Amateur Radio Day is here this week. Find out the details are on Amateur Radio Newsline(tm) report number 1757 coming your way right now.

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RADIO RECORDS: UK HAMS SET NEW OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS RECORD

A new record has been set for optical communications by a group of British hams. Jeremy Boot, G4NJH, reports from Nottingham in the U-K:

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On 3rd April a new distance record set for optical communication by a group of radio amateurs from North-East England.

The distance worked was just a few meters short of 90km. Signals were exchanged on FM and SSB at remarkable strengths.

The contact was made from Race Head in County Durham, which is locator IO94VS to Danby Moor near Whitby, which is locator IO84NK.

The team at Race Head included two stations, Stuart, G8CYW running the transverter and LED transceiver of his design featured in recent articles in RadCom, and Brian, G8KPD also running his version of the designs, plus separate receive and transmit heads. The station on Danby Moor was operated by Rob, M0DTS using his version of the transverter featured in RadCom.

I'm Jeremy Boot G4NJH.

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Truly a ham radio record that you had to have been there to see. (GB2RS)

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HAM HAPPENINGS: HAM RADIO TO CELEBRATE ROYAL WEDDING

Amateur Radio in the UK will be a part of the upcoming royal wedding. This with word that the Radio Society of Great Britain has made an agreement with UK telecommunications regulator Ofcom for all UK Radio Amateurs to use special callsigns for a period of eleven days beginning

on the date of the marriage of Prince William and Catherine Middleton on April 29th.

Use of the special GR prefix will require UK hams to obtainer a waiver called a Notice of Variation from Ofcom. This can be quickly obtained via a simple process on the RSGB's website, where full details of the arrangements can also be found.

UK amateurs wishing to use the special prefix should visit www.rsgb.org.uk/weddingcall and follow the instructions found there. The last date and time for application is 6.00 pm on April 25th. All Notice of Variation will be provided by close of business on April 28th. No postal applications will be accepted and all of the special permits will be sent by e-mail. (RSGB)

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RADIO POLITICS: AMSAT FRANCE LEADERSHIP VOTES TO DISSOLVE ORGANIZATION

AMSAT France appears to have disbanded. According to a notice published in Frances URC News on Monday April 11th, 21 leaders present at an Extraordinary General Assembly of AMSAT France voted the weekend of April 9th to dissolve the organization.

The actual vote is reported as 11 votes in favor of going out of business and 10 in favor of continuing. The short news release gave no reason for the decision by AMSAT France to dissolve and go away. The original press release, in French is on line at tinyurl.com/3spvx6l. (URC News, F1MOJ)

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RESTRUCTURING: FRENCH NATIONAL SOCIETY SEEKS 6 METER ALLOCATION

Still in France, F1DUE, who is the president of the French amateur radio national amateur society, the REF, reports that his efforts to open the 6 meter band for his nations ham operators is ongoing.

As previously reported, last year the REF asked the French frequency regulation authority ARCEP to once again reopen the 50 MHz allocation that was suspended two years ago. Earlier this year the ARCEP informed the REF that it would consider an allocation of 50.0 to 52.0 MHz for use by French radio amateurs.

F1DUE says that the ARCEP placed this proposal on the agenda of the Frequency Planning Commission which was held in March. However, as of airtime, its still unknown as to when the change of the bandplan is finalized and will come into effect. (Southgate)

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RESTRUCTURING: WORK CONTINUING ON LEGALIZING DIGITAL MODES IN FRANCE

Meantime, the group Digital Radioamateur France says that a March 11th meeting between five French ham radio groups and telecommunications regulator ARCEP. This, regarding the legalization of several new

digital could lead to changes to permit their use.

F1SHS is the president of Digital Radioamateur France. In a press release he says that this meeting was a first step in building a new relationship between ham radio and the French telecommunications regulator regarding digital ham radio operations. He says that organizing the get together was the result of 6 months working on a shared document between those groups involved in getting digital modes legalized in his nation. F1SHS thinks that this can also lead to an even larger request from the ham community to ARCEP about three years from now.

(F1SHS via Southgate)

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RESTRUCTURING: UKRAINIAN HAMS LOOSE FREQUENCIES ON HF AND UHF

Some restructuring news out of the Ukrane that's bad news for ham radio operators in that nation. This, as the Ukrainian government has affirmed new rules for amateur radio operations that have resulted in spectrum losses on the High Frequency, UHF and microwave bands.

According to an e-mail from Alexander Doshchich, UY0LL, the spectrum withdrawn from access by Ukranian hams includes 10.100 to 10.150 and 14.250 to 14.350 MHz on the HF bands. On UHF an above the losses include 1240 to 1300 MHz, 2300 to 2450 MHz, 5670 to 5850 MHz and numerous other spectrum slots right on up to 248 to 250 GHz. (UY0LL)

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ENFORCEMENT: MIAMI UNLICENSED BROADCASTER HIT WITH $20000 NAL

If you are operating an unlicensed radio station, don't advertise it on the Internet. That's the lesson that Florida resident Marckenson Bazile is learning the hard way as the FCC issues him a $20,000 Notice of Apparent Liability for his alleged operation of an unlicensed radio transmitter on the frequency 103.9 MHz from his residence in the city of Miami.

According to the Commission's March 29th release, on June 16 2010 and again on June 29 2010, Mr. Bazile is alleged to have operated an unlicensed radio station on the frequency 103.9 MHz from his residence. Information on the Internet also showed that Mr. Bazile served as a D-J for a radio station on the frequency 103.9 MHz that the regulatory agency says was an unlicensed operation.

The FCC says that because Marckenson Bazile knowingly operated the station, it finds the apparent violation was willful. Because the operation occurred on more than one day, it also finds the apparent violation was repeated. Based on the evidence before it the $20,000 NAL has been issued to Brazile. He was given the customary 30 days to pay or to file an appeal. (FCC)

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THE BPL FIGHT: THE BBC REPORTS ON PLT INTERFERENCE TO BROADCASTING

The British Broadcasting Corporation has issued a report investigating the potential interference to broadcast reception from Broadband over Powerline devices which are known in Europe as Power Line Telecommunication or PLT equipment used in the home.

The report says they operation of the PLT Power Line Adaptors caused interference to indoor portable reception of both FM and Digital Audio Broadcasts, in varying degrees from no effect to total disruption. The report notes that the so-called digital cliff effect found in Digital Audio Broadcast reception means that when interference occurs the impact is extreme. The cliff effect is the all or nothing point in all digital broadcasts where you either get pristine reception or none at all.

But that's not all. The Power Line Adaptors were also found to disturb reception of FM using an external antenna at one of the homes that was surveyed. You can read the entire BBC Research White Paper at downloads.bbc.co.uk/rd/pubs/whp. (GB2RS)

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD: WORLD RADIO LABS FOUNDER LEO MEYERSON, W0GFQ -S.K.

An era in amateur radio has come to an end. This with word that World Radio Laboratories founder and owner Leo I. Meyerson, W0GFQ, has became a Silent Key.

According to a news release from the Quarter Century Wireless Association, Meyerson passed away on Wednesday, April 13th at the Eisenhower Medical Center, near his summer home in Rancho Mirage, California.

Leo Meyerson, was age 100 at the time of his passing. At airtime funeral arrangements are pending. We will have more about the man and his lifetime contribution to amateur radio in next weeks Amateur Radio Newsline report. (ARNewsline)

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BREAK 1

>From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world including the KA5GLX repeater serving Clear Lake Texas

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RESCUE RADIO: SOCAL HAMS PROVIDE AID IN ANOTHER HOSPITAL PHONE OUTAGE

Two weeks ago, Newsline told you about a phone failure at Childrens

Hospital of Orange County and how hams quickly responded to help. Well, it's happened again at another hospital there. Newsline's Joe Moell K0OV is back to tell you the details and to explain why he's not surprised at another outage.

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A group pager alert at 10:28 AM on April 5 brought members of the Hospital Disaster Support Communications System to Saddleback Hospital in Laguna Hills after a digital equipment failure caused the inbound and outbound trunk lines to become inoperative. Again, the phone number of HDSCS net control was given to Orange County Communications agency so that ambulance companies and other hospitals could contact Saddleback Hospital via ham radio. The outage lasted until 6 PM that day.

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[audio from activation]

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Of the 115 times that HDSCS has been activated for communications problems in Orange County hospitals, this was the 85th time that it was due to switchgear or cable failure. Does it seem to you that Orange County has an unusual number of hospital phone failures? Well, not really. HDSCS leader April Moell, WA6OPS, talks to a lot of hospital employees and disaster planners around the country who tell her that they have their share of phone outages too. The causes range from accidentally cut cables to computer failures and power surges. She says that the difference is that most ham emergency groups around the country don't prepare and plan to help in these single-hospital incidents. They don't set up 24-hour alerting plans for the hospitals to use to contact them quickly when phones go down, so they never get the call. Often they don't have portable stations so they can go into the individual hospital units such as the Emergency Department, Pharmacy and so forth to provide unit-to-unit communications.

When a nurse on a hospital unit has an urgent need to contact a patient's physician at his office or home, but the phones are down because switchgear has failed or backhoe has dug up the cables, that's just as severe an emergency as it would be after a hurricane or tornado. So HDSCS plans to help hospitals whenever they need it, not just when all else fails in a big natural disaster.

Orange County hospitals appreciate HDSCS because hams come when they call and they can connect their staff members to the outside, no matter the cause of the communications outage. WA6OPS thinks that other ARES groups around the country should adopt this hospital support model, which includes robust alerting plans for each hospital, regular meetings with the hospital disaster planners, and ready-to-respond members who are trained in the special terminology and communications needs of medical facilities.

More information about HDSCS and its secrets of success are at the Web site of the Hospital Disaster Support Communications System, or

HDSCS.ORG. From southern California, I'm Joe Moell K0OV for Amateur Radio Newsline.

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Another time when ham radio is there when normal lines of communications fail. (K0OV)

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PUBLIC SERVICE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY 1 PROJECT BREAD WALK IN BOSTON

Eric Horwitz, KA1NCF, tells Newsline that ham radio volunteers are needed in the Boston, Massachusetts area. This in support of the Project Bread Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 1st.

Eric says that this will be the 43rd running of the event and hams are needed to provide communications support for the Project Bread Staff and volunteers along the 20 mile course.

If you are interested in helping please take your web browser to www.mmra.org/wfh/ to log in and fill out the signup form. Questions go by e-mail to wfh11(at)mmra (dot)org (KA1NCF)

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RADIO LAW: FCC CONSIDERING NEW COMPLEX TOWER RULES

The radio towers-are-killing-migratory-birds debate has moved to a new stage at the FCC. This, as some conservation groups and other federal agencies have prodded the Commission into considering changes that will make its approval process for towers more complex.

And not just new towers are affected. David Oxenford is an attorney with firm of Davis Wright Tremaine. He says that the new requirements proposed by the FCC would affect modifications to existing structures if there would be a substantial increase in size or even changes in lighting.

Two major rule changes are up for public comment. The first is a requirement to give local public notice of the construction of a tower. The second is a possible requirement for an Environmental Assessment.

Oxenford notes that an Environmental Assessment is a document that must be carefully prepared this is not routinely something that an applicants can dash off on their own. What affect if any the passage of these proposed requirements might have on small towers used by ham radio operators on private property is unknown. (RW)

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HAM RADIO IN CYBERSPACE: NEW NOTE BOARD FEATURE ON QRZ.COM

The popular QRZ dot com ham radio website has added a very unique new feature. Called the Note Board, it gives every QRZ member's callsign

access to an on-going collection of messages that are attached directly to their callsign page.

According to QRZ founder Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ, the new Note Board system allows other members on your Friends List to leave messages on your page. Optionally, you may designate an All Friends Mode that lets everybody post to your page.

Lloyd says that each member has full moderation authority for their Note Board and can add or delete postings whenever they like. And regardless of whether you limit the posts to your friends or everybody, you still get to block selected users from your page. (QRZ.com)

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HAM HAPPENINGS: 2011 AMSAT SYMPOSIUM AND ANNUAL MEETING

The 2011 AMSAT Space Symposium and Annual Meeting will be held November 4th to the 6th at the Wyndham San Jose in San Jose, California. The AMSAT Board meeting will be at the same hotel on Thursday and Friday November 3rd and 4th. A special hotel rate for attendees has been negotiated that includes free Wi Fi, parking and airport shuttle. If you are into ham radio space communications, then be sure to Mark your calendars and plan to attend this event. (WA4SXM)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: WK3N RECEIVES RARE 160 METER WAZ AWARDED.

Some names in the news. First a word of congratulations to James Scott, WK3N, of Hartstown, Pennsylvania. This on both achieving and receiving his 160 meter Worked All Zones award. This award started in 1975 and less than 35 North American stations have ever achieved this level.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: WTVT REPORTER WARREN ELLY. W1GUD, ANNOUNCES HE WILL RETIRE FROM WTVT TELEVISION THIS JULY

Warren Elly, W1GUD, who has been reporting news for Tampa Florida's WTVT television is preparing to step away from the Fox-affiliate after nearly 29 years with the station. Elly joined WTVT in 1982, after reporting for Youngstown Ohio's WYTV. He quickly became known in the Tampa area for his direct reporting style covering crime and politics.

Ham radio wise, Elly was first licensed in August of 1961 as WN1GUD. A Connecticut native, Elly credits amateur radio as the motivation that lead him to his career in broadcasting. He also worked in the amateur radio industry with short detours into publishing with 73 Magazine, manufacturing and marketing at DenTron and Original Equipment Manufacturing Sales as KW Electronics. From there it was onto the broadcast news business with Tampa's WTVT being his home base for close to three decades.

According to his QRZ dot com bio, W1GUD's main amateur radio interest

is AM. He has operated that mode on 160, through 10 meters since 1967 and is with the Florida AM Group that meets nightly on 3655 Kilohertz in the 75 meter band. He also enjoys working DX on SSB and CW. And over the years he has reported several hobby radio related stories right here on Amateur Radio Newsline.

Warren Elly also maintains a YouTube Channel for retro broadcast transmitters and allied interests. Its in cyberspace www.youtube.com/user/w1gud. His final day at WTVT is set for this coming July 5th. (ARNewsline from Mediabistro, QRZ.com)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: ISS ASTRONAUT AND JETHRO TULL PERFORM FLUTE CONCERT

And NASA says that musical harmony reached new heights. This as astronaut Cady Coleman, circling Earth aboard the International Space Station, and musician Ian Anderson, founder of the rock band Jethro Tull, collaborated for the first space-Earth duet.

Coleman is an amateur flutist. She and Anderson played a portion of the song "Bourree," an arrangement of which Anderson and Jethro Tull performed during their 1969 U.S. tour as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped on the moon.

Coleman played her part from 220 miles above Earth. Anderson performed his part while on tour in Russia. The two segments were then edited together to form the finished piece.

Coleman and Anderson's performance saluted 50 years of human spaceflight and the anniversary of the first launch of a human to space. Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin completed that milestone on April 12, 1961. You can see this out of the world flute concert at tinyurl.com/3voo5ed. (NASA)

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BREAK 2

This is ham radio news for today's radio amateur. From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: THREE RETIRING SPACE SHUTTLES TO HAVE NEW HOMES

Four space transport vehicles, three of which have a close association with amateur radio will soon have new homes. This after NASA announced on Tuesday, April 12th the new retirement locations for the four remaining space shuttles. Three that flew and the program's ground based test vehicle. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, is in the Newsroom with the details:

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According to NASA, the space shuttle Atlantis will be displayed at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida. The Endeavour will go to the California Science Center in Los Angeles. Discovery will makes its home at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Virginia and the test shuttle, Enterprise, will be displayed on the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City.

The announcement was made on the 30th anniversary of the space shuttle program's first flight made by the ill-fated Columbia orbiter, and the 50th anniversary of Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becoming the first human in space. But it was the first manned ham radio operation by Dr. Owen Garriott, W5LFL, from Columbia during mission STS-9 lead to the creation of the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment program which later gave way to Amateur Radio on the International Space Station or ARISS as its known today. Hence the close ties between ham radio and the space shuttles.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, in the new home of the spaceship Endeavour - Los Angeles, California.

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During the three decade span of the Space Shuttle program ham radio was a part of many flights. And thanks in good part to former NASA Administrator Jess Moore and the late NBC science correspondent Roy Neal, K6DUE, amateur radio also severed as a back-up communications system that was in place on shuttle flights should all other means fail. (NASA, ARNewline Archives)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: KA2UPW NEEDS ARISSAT 1 AUDIO FILES

If you made a recording of the transmissions of the ARISSat One satellite while it was operational from the International Space Station in celebration of Cosmonaut Yuri Gagari's 50th spaceflight anniversary, then ARISSat TLM author Douglas Quagliana KA2UPW wants to hear from you. This, as he issues a request for ARISSat One audio recorded between 14:30 UTC on April 11th and continuing until 10:30 UTC on April 13th.

If you are able to make a recording of the signals from ARISSat-1, Douglas would be very interested in obtaining a copy. He is most interested in the CW and BPSK signals, but if you were able to record the voice and SSTV signals he would like to have those as well.

KA2UOW asks that you save your recordings as .WAV files. Please do not use the popular MP3 format and don't convert the recordings into MP3. This is because the MP3 format compresses the information to create a smaller file and data is lost. He says to leave the recordings as those large .WAV files and contact him by e-mail to dquagliana(at)aol(dot)com for details on how to get the recorded files to him. (KA2UPW/5)

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RADIO IN SPACE: A MORSE CODE ROVER FOR MARS

A Morse code Rover will soon be headed to the Red Planet. Well, at least one marked in Morse. VK2LAW reports:

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The Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) choose to put a pattern on the next Martian Rover, named Curiosity. They are in a pattern of short squares and longer rectangles on the wheels almost like dots and dashes in CW.

According to JPL, Curiosity is about the size of a small SUV -- 10 feet long (not including the arm), 9 feet wide and 7 feet tall -- or about the height of a basketball player --and weighs 2000 pounds.

It features a geology lab, rocker-bogie suspension, a rock-vaporizing laser and lots of cameras. Curiosity will search areas of Mars for past or present conditions favorable for life and for conditions

It is set to launch between November 25 to December 18, 2011 from Cape Canaveral, Florida and will arrive on Mars August, 2012. The prime mission will last one Mars year, or about 23 Earth months

I'm VK2LAW reporting.

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And less we forget. We do know what the pattern of dots sand dashes spells out. Simply the three letters JPL. (WIA News)

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RADIO SCIENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS FOR ARRL & TAPER DCC

Technical papers are solicited for presentation at the 30th Annual ARRL and TAPR Digital Communications Conference slated for September 16th to the 18th in Baltimore, Maryland. Papers will also be published in the Conference Proceedings but you do not need to attend the conference to have your paper included in the Proceedings. Also, papers will be published exactly as submitted and authors will retain all rights.

The submission deadline is July 31st. Please send papers to Maty Weinberg at the ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, Connecticut, 06111. You can also submit them by e-mail to maty@arrl.org. (WB8IMY)

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ON THE AIR: CELEBRATING DJURDJEVEC CROATIA

On the air keep an ear open for special event station 9A11P to be active through the end of the year. This, to celebrate the city of Djurdjevac, Croatia. A special QSL will be issued and all QSOs will be

confirmed automatically via the bureau and electronically using Logbook of the World. (OPDX)

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CONTEST CORNER: FLORIDA QSO PARTY MOVED TO APRIL 30 - MAY 1

And the date of this year's Florida QSO Party has been changed to the weekend of April 30th to May 1st this year. The contest is normally held on the 4th full weekend in April however this year that is Easter. So the decision was made to slip it a week so as not to conflict with family holiday plans. (Florida QSO Party)

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DX

In D-X, the Pacific-DXer's Web page is reporting that a callsign should soon be issued and permission granted to a group of Polish hams to operate from Nauru during January and February of 2012. This permit will include 60 meters. The call requested is C-21-A.

VE3DZ will be on the air from Barbados as 8P9AA through May 1st. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign.

Also from Barbados, word that PY2XB, will be active as 8P9XB from St. Philip, Barbados between May 8th and the 21st. Operation will be on 80 through 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He will also have a 6 meter beacon on at 50.099 MHz. QSL via PT7WA.

OH2YL will be active portable FJ from Saint Barthelemy between April 15th and the 27th. Activity will be on all High Frequency bands from 160 to 10 meters. He will be using CW only on a lower edge of all bands. QSL via OH2YL direct or electronically using Logbook of the World.

9N7DX and XYL 9N7YL will be operational from Nepal between April 13th to the 30th. Operation is primarily on 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters using CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via 4Z4DX.

And listen out for A25FC in Botswana from April 14th to the 18th. Activity will be on 80 through 10 meters using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via ON4CJK, either direct or via the bureau.

Lastly, HA5PP will once again be active stroke 5B from Cyprus during the CQWW WPX CW Contest on May 28th and 29th. He will be a single operator single band entrant but his band of choice has not yet been announced. QSL via HA5PP.

(Above from various DX news sources)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY ON APRIL 18

And finally this week, the International Amateur Radio Union, and its member societies representing over 150 countries around the world, will celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on Monday, April 18. The theme for this year's celebration is "Amateur Radio: The first technology-based social network." Amateur Radio Newsline's Norm Seeley, KI7UP, tells us about this years ham radio celebration:

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According to the IARU and the ARRL, long before the Internet and smart phones existed, amateur radio operators had been talking, texting and sharing their thoughts for decades. But unlike those commercial services, amateur radio continues to attract people world-wide by providing international communications for free. And because it does not need pre-established supporting infrastructure, radio-savvy amateurs can reach out to friends in every corner of the world and into space as well.

Amateur Radio operators have been the leaders in developing many of today's modern electronic and communications marvels. Today the citizens of Earth think of wireless as being the ubiquitous cellular phone - only made possible because of the pioneering work in radio technologies first explored by these "amateurs". Many of our leading electrical engineers draw from their practical experiences as Amateur Radio operators as they continue to develop applications blending computers and radios. Ham Radio operators may be "amateur" because they are unpaid volunteers, but their skills and contributions to the world are of the highest order.

Calling, texting or even using old Morse code on the Amateur shortwave bands can result in chatting with other radio amateurs across town or far across the oceans. While hams have repeatedly been in the news for their life-saving communications services in disasters, a large part of their activities is the excitement and joy of contacting distant and remote areas of the world, learning directly about each others' regions and lives and trying different ways to make radio contacts around the world.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Norm Seeley, KI7UP, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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Since 1925, the IARU has been instrumental in coordinating and representing Amateur Radio to the world. For more information about the International Amateur Radio Union please take your web browser to www.IARU.org (IARU, ARRL)

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And a reminder that the nominating period for the year 2011 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award is now open. Created by Newsline back in 1986, this award is offered to recognize one young United States or Canadian radio amateur age 18 or younger for his or her contributions to society through Amateur Radio.

As in years past, the 2011 recipient will receive an expense paid trip to the Huntsville Hamfest in Huntsville Alabama courtesy of Vertex-Standard Corporation which produces Yaesu brand amateur radio gear. Vertex-Standard will also present this years winner with a special ham radio related gift. CQ Magazine will again treat the recipient to a week at Spacecamp-Huntsville. We at Amateur Radio Newsline will present the winner with a plaque honoring his or her achievements.

All nominations and materials required by the official rules must be received by ARNewsline before June 30, 2011. A downloadable nominating form is at our website at www.arnewsline.org. A nominating form can also be obtained by sending a request along with a self addressed stamped envelope to the Young Ham of the Year Award in care of Amateur Radio Newsline, Inc. 28197 Robin Avenue, Santa Clarita California 91350.

Again, the cutoff date for this year's Young Ham of the Year Award nominations is June 30th. We ask you to do your part by nominating a young ham who has done something special related to ham radio. The nomination form is at www.arnewsline.org

For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editors desk, I'm Don Wilbanks, AE5DW, saying 73 and we thank you for listening.

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